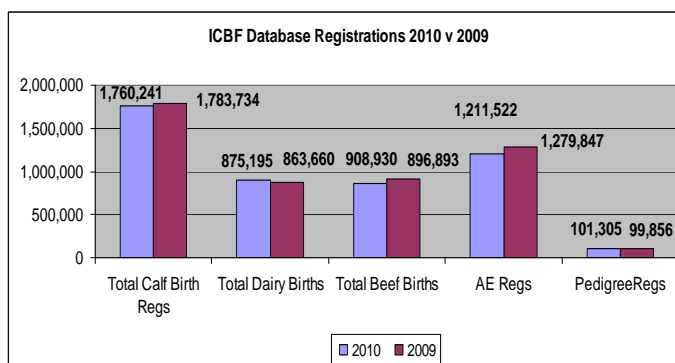
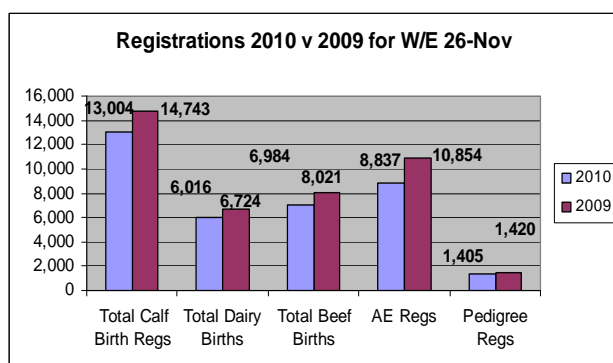


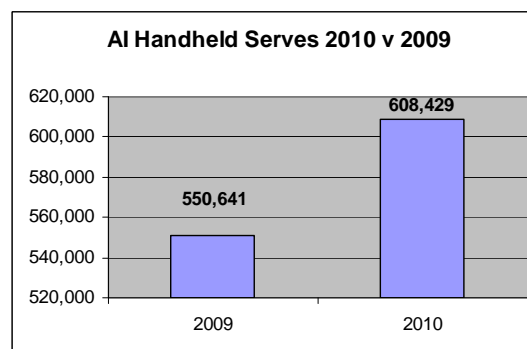
## 1. Important Dates

- ✚ **ICBF Board Meeting** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 10:30 to 14:00 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Sheep Ireland Board Meeting** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 14:00 to 16:30 – Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.
- ✚ **Breeding Consultation Meeting** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Killeshin Hotel, Port Laoise. Agenda includes: Breeding Schemes, Fertility Evaluations and Calving Evaluations.
- ✚ **Dairy GENÉIRELAND<sup>®</sup> & Herd Plus<sup>®</sup> and EBI Discussion Group competition awards** – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 10:30 to 16:00 – Corrin Mart, Fermoy.

## 2. Database



- ✚ The stats above are compiled with the assistance of DAFF AIM systems.
- ✚ In the Suckler scheme, the number of 2010 born calves with meal introduced is 489,204 with the number of animals weaned at 321,721.
- ✚ The design of a new infrastructure to manage genotypes at ICBF is continuing. The development continues, and this development is expected to be completed before Christmas.
- ✚ A new process for the reporting to breeders of sire errors on calf registrations is being designed. The building of this will begin next week. The aim is to streamline the process and make it easier for farmers to complete the process on-line.
- ✚ Some further updates to the catalogue application were completed this week. The first auctioneers began using the application this week.
- ✚ Further work has taken place on the beef slaughter report this week.
- ✚ The generation of the HerdPlus<sup>®</sup> packs to support the spring calving season is continuing.
- ✚ The graph shows Inseminations recorded on AI Handhelds in 2010 compared with 2009.



## 3. GENÉIRELAND<sup>®</sup>

### Dairy

- ✚ Straws were dispatched to 50 herds today.
- ✚ The remainder of the herds will receive straws as soon as possible subject to availability.

### Beef

- ✚ Sign ups are continuing at a steady pace.
- ✚ Straws are being dispatched for all available bulls.
- ✚ The Belgian Blue bull STQ has become the 5<sup>th</sup> BB bull tested through the program.
- ✚ 292 herds have signed up so far.
- ✚ To order straws phone 1850 600900 or 045 521573.
- ✚ More details on the bulls are available in the GENÉIRÉLAND section of the website.
- ✚ Approx total straws sent out per bull currently available are in the table below.

BREED	AA	BA	BB	CH	CH	HE	LM	LM	PT	SA	SH
CODE	MLJ	KCE	KYR	GHX	CXY	GCT	NHL	CZH	CBQ	BHU	LYJ
# STRAWS	220	280	460	520	520	61	611	170	99	588	10

#### 4. Sheep Ireland

- ✚ It is essential that all LambPlus Users update their inventory profile. Breeders should remove the details of sheep no longer present in the flock and include details of any new purchases.
- ✚ As mating has occurred at this stage, all breeders should record the relevant data using the mating screen.
- ✚ EID Correlation Screen is now live and available to LambPlus breeders.
- ✚ All Breeder's who have placed EID tags in sheep that are being retained for breeding should ensure these tag numbers correlate with the identification details already saved in the database.

#### 5. Genetic Evaluations

- ✚ Evaluations for the next run are underway. Files have been sent to Interbull for the International evaluations.
- ✚ Work on the improvements to the calving and fertility evaluation is on-going.

#### 6. Milk Recording

National Milk Recording Results by County - 10 day Period 16/11/10 to 26/11/10								
	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
CARLOW	10	544	54	18.6	4.78	3.77	1.59	435
CAVAN	23	1,148	50	16.3	4.40	3.69	1.32	425
CLARE	19	946	50	14.4	4.27	3.82	1.16	314
CORK STH	215	13,079	61	18.5	4.33	3.68	1.48	348
CORK NTH	224	15,026	67	16.1	4.57	3.91	1.37	340
DONEGAL	8	617	77	13.4	4.71	3.70	1.13	313
DUBLIN	3	148	49	22.1	3.89	3.52	1.64	456
GALWAY	23	1,328	58	18.9	4.18	3.54	1.46	410
KERRY	109	6,773	62	17.3	4.26	3.62	1.36	398
KILDARE	24	1,606	67	20.9	4.55	3.70	1.72	439
KILKENNY	27	1,856	69	16.7	4.44	3.89	1.39	388
LAOIS	25	1,363	55	14.4	4.50	3.83	1.20	482
LEITRIM	1	108	108	16.9	3.92	3.50	1.25	220
LIMERICK	92	6,352	69	16.8	4.26	3.69	1.34	363
LONGFORD	5	219	44	17.2	4.58	3.79	1.44	518

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LOUTH	20	1,992	100	24.5	4.05	3.66	1.89	340
MAYO	16	800	50	20.3	3.83	3.85	1.56	259
MEATH	51	5,124	100	20.2	4.34	3.56	1.60	384
MONAGHAN	14	527	38	18.7	4.21	3.46	1.43	377
OFFALY	10	740	74	17.3	4.58	3.76	1.44	534
ROSCOMMON								
SLIGO	8	337	42	17.6	3.93	3.56	1.32	334
TIPPERARY NTH	24	1,623	68	13.2	4.40	3.88	1.09	403
TIPPERARY STH	38	2,679	71	16.1	4.40	3.84	1.33	336
WATERFORD	36	2,895	80	14.6	5.01	4.11	1.33	356
WESTMEATH	9	528	59	19.4	4.31	3.51	1.52	369
WEXFORD	54	3,842	71	19.5	4.28	3.74	1.56	309
WICKLOW E	19	1,467	77	19.7	3.92	3.59	1.48	325
WICKLOW W	12	1,016	85	20.8	4.08	3.66	1.61	329
	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
National	1,119	74,683	66	17.9	4.32	3.71	1.43	375

National Milk Recording Averages by Province - 10 day Period 16/11/10 to 26/11/10

Provincial	No. Herds Recorded	No. Cows Recorded	Average Herd Size	Average 24hr Milk kg/Cow	Average Fat %	Average Protein %	Average F + P kg	Average SCC
Munster	757	49,373	65	15.9	4.44	3.82	1.31	357
Leinster	269	20,445	76	19.3	4.32	3.69	1.55	408
Connacht	48	2,573	54	18.4	3.97	3.61	1.40	306
Ulster	45	2,292	51	16.1	4.44	3.62	1.30	372

National Milk Recording Statistics - Herds, Cows & EDIY 26/11/10

Milk Recording Organisation	Total Herds Recorded YTD 26/11/10	No. EDIY Herds YTD 26/11/10	% Herds EDIY	Total No. Cows Recorded YTD 26/11/10	No. EDIY Cows YTD 26/11/10	% Cows EDIY
Munster	3,564	1,000	28%	279,561	85,897	31%
Progressive	2,084	816	39%	187,201	72,131	39%
Tipperary	133	57	43%	11,999	5,777	48%
Connacht	152	59	39%	10,147	3,794	37%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,933</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>488,908</b>	<b>167,599</b>	<b>34%</b>

<b>Recorded Cows by Milk Recording Organisation - Year on Year Comparison</b>			
<b>Milk Recording Organisation</b>	<b>YTD 2009 Cows Recorded 01/01/09 - 26/11/09</b>	<b>YTD 2010 Cows Recorded 01/01/10 - 26/11/10</b>	<b>2010 vs. 2009 Year on Year Difference (%)</b>
<b>Munster</b>	257,362	279,561	7.9%
<b>Progressive</b>	180,662	187,201	3.5%
<b>Tipperary</b>	11,155	11,999	7.0%
<b>Connacht</b>	9,822	10,147	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>459,001</b>	<b>488,908</b>	<b>6.1%</b>

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